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MENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 7

1. THE FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S AIRPORT STATEMENT AND
PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE DEPARTURE OF SOVIET COMMUNIST
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY BREZHNEV ON DECEMBER 7. THE
TEXT IS A TRANSCRIPT MADE FROM A FRENCH NATIONAL
TELEVISION RECORDING OF EVENT AND IS NOT AN OFFICIAL
ELYSEE TEXT.

2. "WE HAVE HAD WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR THREE DAYS OF VERY POSITIVE,
VERY PRACTICAL AND VERY USEFUL CONVERSATIONS. THE
CONTENTS OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON
AT A TIME DECIDED IN COMMON AND WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
THE HOUR OF ARRIVAL OF MR. BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW, THAT IS
TO SAY AT 7 P.M. MOSCOW TIME AND 5 P.M. PARIS TIME.

3. WE REVIEWED THE TOTALITY OF THE GREAT BILATERAL AND
WORLD PROBLEMS AND WE WERE ABLE TO NOTE, ON THESE
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PROBLEMS, THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE SOVIET
UNION AND FRANCE. COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
IS NOT A HAPPENSTANCE, IT IS NOT LINKED TO THE
FLUCTUATING FACTORS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, IT
CORRESPONDS TO A THOROUGHGOING ANALYSIS OF THE
POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC FACTS OF OUR TIME. I AM
CONVINCED THAT THE VISIT OF MR. BREZHNEV TO PARIS WILL
NOT ONLY HAVE CONSOLIDATED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE, BUT WILL HAVE GIVEN IT A NEW IMPETUS, A NEW POINT OF DEPARTURE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES AND WHICH WILL SERVE THE GREAT CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD."

5. Q: "WILL YOU GO TO MOSCOW, MR. PRESIDENT?"

VGE: "WHEN HE WAS LEAVING THIS MORNING, MR. BREZHNEV EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO MADE A POINT OF COMING TO ORLY, AND WHO IS HERE AT MY SIDE, HAS ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION AND WILL THUS VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN 1975. WE DECIDED THIS MORNING THAT THIS VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT AUTUMN."

Q: "WILL THERE BE A SUMMIT CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST IN WHICH FRANCE WILL PARTICIPATE IN A CONCRETE WAY?"

VGE: "YOU WILL SEE IN THE COMMUNIQUE THE VERY DETAILED AND VERY PRECISE TEXT OF THE COMMON POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SHOWS THE

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IMPORTANCE WHICH WE BOTH ATTACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF
SECURITY IN EUROPE."

Q: "MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
MR. BREZHNEV?"

VGE: "ON THE PERSONAL SIDE OF RELATIONS -- WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT -- I WAS VERY STRUCK BY THE CORDIALITY, SIMPLICITY AND FRANKNESS IN WHICH OUR MEETINGS WITH MR. BREZHNEV TOOK PLACE. MR. BREZHNEV PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS WHICH WERE VERY LONG SINCE SEVERAL TIMES, MEETINGS LASTED SEVERAL HOURS' AS RECENTLY AS THIS MORNING. HE BROUGHT TO THESE MEETINGS A VERY GREAT MASTERY OF THE SUBJECT, A VERY GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEMS AND AT THE SAME TIME, A GREAT FRANKNESS IN EXPLAINING THEM. I TRIED TO RESPOND IN THE SAME MANNER."

Q: "MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE GOING TO MEET PRESIDENT FORD VERY SOON. WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ON THE EVE OF THIS NEW SUMMIT?"

VGE: "I HAVE JUST ACCOMPANIED MR. BREZHNEV TO HIS AIRPLANE. MY REMARKS TODAY ARE ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE VISIT WHICH MR. BREZHNEV HAS JUST PAID ME IN FRANCE.
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SUBSEQUENTLY I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

Q: "WHAT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS OF THESE MEETINGS?"

VGE: "THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ARE ON THE ONE HAND, THE QUESTION OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, ITS ORGANIZATION AND THE CONFERENCE; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THE PERFECT HARMONY (CONCORDANCE) OF VIEWS INCLUDING THOSE ON VERY PRECISE POINTS, BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE. AND, FINALLY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE GREAT BREADTH WHICH WILL BE GIVEN AS YOU KNOW TO EXCHANGES' TO RELATIONS' AND TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT INDUSTRIAL POWERS WHICH ARE THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE.
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